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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/917,235
Filing Date	July 30, 2001
First Named Inventor	JEFFREY D. VAN HEUMEN, ET AL.
Group Art Unit	1711
Examiner Name	John M. Cooney
Attorney Docket Number	213202.00314

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 16, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: Preliminary Amendment
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1710
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Dawn C. Hayes	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,751
Signature	<i>Dawn C. Hayes</i>	Date	July 19, 2004

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In re Application of:

Docket No. 213202.00314

JEFFREY D. VAN HEUMEN, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/917,235

Examiner: John M. Cooney

Filed: July 30, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1711

For: FOAMED ISOCYANATE POLYMER
HAVING IMPROVED HARDNESS
AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

Date: July 19, 2004

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 65	MINUS	** 65	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$000.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 6	MINUS	*** 6	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$000.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT—						\$000.00

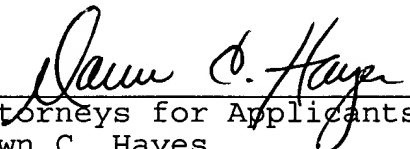
☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_ to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for the additional claims fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

- ☐ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge \$2,010.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 to cover the fee for a five (5) month extension of time fee. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.
- ☐ Charge \$ _ to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE AND PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner to further extend the time for response to the June 17, 2003 Office Action to July 19, 2004. A previous Petition Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and a Notice of Appeal were filed December 17, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 the amount of \$2,010.00 for payment of the extension fee. Any additional fee required and any overpayments should also be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.